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FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON EXECUTIONS IN
KAMPALA ON SEPTEMBER 9:
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QUESTION: WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO THE EXECUTIONS IN
KAMPALA?

ANSWER: WE DEEPLY REGRET THE CARRYING OUT OF THESE EXECU-
TIONS BY THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT IN SPITE OF A NUMBER OF
HUMANITARIAN REQUESTS FOR LENIENCY INCLUDING THAT OF

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PRESIDENT TOLBERT OF LIBERIA. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH ACTIONS ONLY FURTHER DISCREDIT UGANDA IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. THEY ALSO RISK DETRACTING FROM THE EFFORTS OF AFRICAN STATES AND THEIR FRIENDS TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF RESPECT FORHUMANRIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE.

QUESTION: IN LIGHT OF THIS ATTITUDE, WHAT DID THE UNITED STATES DO TO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THESE EXECUTIONS?

ANSWER: GIVEN THE STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH UGANDA WE DID NOT FEEL THAT DIRECT REPRESENTATIONS BY US TO THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE. HOWEVER, WE WERE AWARE OF EFFORTS BY SOME OTHERS TO BRING ABOUT POSTPONEMENT OR RECONSIDERATION OF THE SENTENCES, AND WE WELCOMED AND FULLY ENDORSE THOSE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS. REGRETTABLY, THEY WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL.

QUESTION: ASIDE FROM TOLBERT'S, WHAT OTHER REPRESENTA-TIONS WERE MADE TO UGANDA ON THIS SUBJECT?

ANSWER: WE MAY NOT BE AWARE OF ALL OF THE EFFORTS, AND SOME OF THOSE WE KNOW ABOUT MAY WANT TO KEEP THEIR ACTIONS PRIVATE, SO IT WOULDN'T BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO MENTION SPECIFIC NAMES BEYOND THOSE WHICH HAVE ALREADY APPEARED IN THE PRESS.
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